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Reserve, NG Soldiers here to help

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More than 8,500 military personnel joined the 37,000 already stationed in Korea to participate in this year's Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration exercise.

The purpose of the exercise is to train and evaluate the ability of ROK and U.S. forces stationed in Korea, as well as the ability to integrate the personnel who leave their work elsewhere and come to South Korea's assistance.

"You have to overcome the mobility factor to get here," said Lt. Col. Rick Pate, a G1 Personnel management officer from Evansville, Indiana. Sometimes there's problems with moving from place to place, waiting, flights cancelled, but most of us have been in the military for a long time, so we're used to that."

Wednesday, 71 troops arrived at the Camp Walker Commissary to bolster the abilities of United States Forces Korea personnel already working here. The servicemembers are working in most of the sections in Command Post Oscar. Lt. Col. Paul Legere, commander of 8th U.S. Army troop command, and Command Sgt. Maj. James Boling greeted the troops as they arrived.

"We do everything to integrate them into the unit," said Legere. "We want them to feel like they are part of us. We visit them, talk with them, and get their feedback after every exercise to make sure they feel like part of the unit."

The Reserve and National Guard Soldiers come to Korea twice a year. RSOI in the spring is followed by Ulchi Focus Lense in late summer, and many of them have been coming to the exercises for more years than some Soldiers here have time in service.

"They're critical to the unit because, in most cases, they've been to Oscar more times than any of the active duty people have," said Legere. "They have a lot of continuity that they offer us by coming here so many times. Some of them have been here eight years in a row or more."

Some Reserve and National Guard Soldiers have more experience than their active duty counterparts, but for some, this is the first time they have been in Korea. Cmdr. Yoofi Crentsil, a Navy Reserve medical service corps officer and Louisville, Kentucky native, is working in the USFK Surgeon section. This

RSOI is his first exercise.

"The staff here has gone out of their way to make things flow smoothly for me," said Crentsil. "I've been active duty before, but it was a different job than I'm doing here. This gives me a chance to work with people of other disciplines, and enrich my professional life. I'm here to learn, and I'm going to learn from my team."

While the work at CP Oscar is



Eighth Army Band members welcome reservists who arrived at Camp Walker for RSO&I March 17.

often rewarding and just plum good training, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers also take the opportunity to enjoy living and working in another country.

"It's more exotic than any of the other places I've served," said Pate. "It's an interesting place. Last time I was here I went out for a little bit, did some sightseeing. Also, it's close to the north, so it's more serious than what we feel in Europe."



Voice of Warriors: *How do you stay awake when you're on night shift?*



Lt. Col. Steuen Wagner
Plans Officer
8th Army G-1

"I drink a lot of coffee with sugar, and do push-ups to make me awake."



Spc. Daniella Etienne
VTC operator
8th Army G-3

"I usually sing with co-workers from old songs to new ones."



Sgt. 1st Class Mark Stevens
War Reserve Branch NCOIC
8th Army G4

"Motivation is the key. While your day shift is sleeping and getting a well-deserved rest, the night shift keeps the fight going until they return to defend Korea."



Pfc. Jo, Yung-Yul
Admin Specialist
8th Army Engineers

"Actually, I'm not on night shift. But if I work on it, I will do push-ups, sit-ups or jog in place."



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Reach for the sky, G3 aviation

Story by Pfc. Choi, Eui-jin
Photo by Pvt. Lee, Jung-woo

A season of fickle climates has come, and as the weather can change several times a day, it might bring Soldiers difficulties in accomplishing their missions. During the exercise, the G-3 aviation section takes charge of the weather and forecasts how it will be in near future, then reports it to commanders conducting the exercise for more effective planning.

"Basically, we are just here to make theater wide pictures of up-coming weather for operations such as

visibility, rain, snow, mist and so on," said Senior



Senior Airman Jewaun McElroy, forecaster, 607th Weather Squadron, U.S Air Force checks functions of equipments for weather forecasting.

Airman Jewaun McElroy, a forecaster with the Staff Weather Office, 607th Weather Squadron, U.S Air Force. "We notify Soldiers what the weather is like at any time."

Weather forecasting has significant relation with missions which Soldiers might ignore easily. When weather is not good, aircraft can't fly and road conditions get worse. Bad weather at sea won't allow the Navy to conduct operations as well. That is why the G-3 aviation section cooperates with major commands on the peninsula. The weather office tailors its products based on what the individual units or commands need.

Staff Sgt. Collen Covert, forecaster, Staff Weather Office, 607th Weather Squadron, U.S Air Force explained his work.

"We predict weather by looking at different models and satellites. I've learned different aspects of working with different units and what weather they require," said Covert.

In fact, there are many factors which can change the prediction of a weather forecast, and sometimes it is hard to foretell weathers conditions.

"The hardest part is that our prediction is not 100% right, it's just not always black or white but it can be gray, and we accept it when we don't get it," McElroy said.

This year's exercise has just started, and with support from the G-3 aviation section it should be a seasonable cruise.

Meal hours

Camp Walker DFAC hours from Mar 18 to Mar 25

Breakfast: 0600 to 0830
Lunch: 1100 to 1300
Dinner: 1700 to 1930
Midnight: 2230 to 0030



8th Army band's event

'ACCESS DENIED' plans for great performance

19 Mar PX parking lot approx. 1100

23 Mar DFAC 1700



MAR 20



Hi	Low
43 F	28 F
06 C	-2 C

MAR 21



Hi	Low
45 F	30 F
07 C	-1 C



Chaplain's corner: Responding to Criticism

**By Col. Michael W. Malone,
8th U.S. Army Chaplain**

It does not matter what rank one wears, we all are subject to criticism. Sometimes it is hard to receive criticism because it feels like a personal attack rather than something helpful. The big issue with criticism is how we respond to it. We can get angry and defensive but that response creates more problems. The best

response to criticism is not to take it personally but see it as a learning opportunity. The writer of Proverbs 15:32 gives wise advice about receiving criticism: "He who neglects discipline despises himself, but he who listens to reproof [criticism] acquires understanding." Since our goal is to become better soldiers, we wisely receive criticism and learn from it. In the same way, those who supervise

others need to give criticism wisely. Criticism is a comment about behavior or actions, not an attack on the person. Good criticism points out that which needs improvement or change and then helps the soldier understand the change that is required. As we listen to criticism, we grow in our understanding of ourselves and enhance our skills. May God give us grace so that we can receive and learn from criticism.

Daegu-historic place with patriotism

**Story by
Pvt. Lee, Jung-woo**

Daegu was in the center of a nation-wide movement: In the early 19th century, the Korean government tried to become independent by developing its industries and enhancing national forces, but was caught in Japanese imperialism. Japan helped Korea, financially at first, saying they wanted to let the Korean government introduce to foreign countries. However, they soon changed tactics and showed their ambition to be an imperialistic country. To obtain that goal, Japanese financial advisor Tanetaro Megata lent Korea 12 million won, which was huge amount of money at that time to Korea.

After hearing of the loans,

many Korean people suspected Japan was trying to take over their country, so, they made many attempts to be independent economically, financially and militarily. The movement to repay Japan started in 1907 and was forced to end in 1908.

People proclaimed the necessity of nation-wide movement to pay off the debt in Feb 1907. They posted the urgency of this movement on the newspaper. When they moved their meaningful one step, the citizen reciprocated enthusiastically. Around 20 organizations supported this important movement and people from all walks of life participated. The participation of the intellectual people such as teachers and Korean investors was especially prominent. Even prostitutes sold their jewelry to give the money to

the relative organization.

After 1908, the movement was curbed due to the severe suppression from Japan. A harsh restraint was directly related with the fact that the movement-related organizations paid off a third of the nation's debt. Japan prevented Korea from becoming financially independent so they could conquer the peninsula. Despite the fact that the movement was cut off due to the severe Japanese suppression, the debt repayers' ethos are still here with us. We Soldiers need to engrave this ethos and protect the nation from the foreign enemies as our forefathers have done. On top of that, as the Koreans co-operated each other to protect the nation, U.S. Soldiers, ROK Soldiers should be cohesive to fight back enemies of the nation.